



Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign 2011

Brain Injury Workgroup Minutes

Meeting #6

January 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Polk County River Place

2309 Euclid Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50310

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Attendance

Workgroup members: Megan Hartwig/Chair, Jack Hackett/Co-Chair, Tom Brown, Julie Fidler Dixon, Lisa Langlitz, Geoffrey Lauer, LeAnn Moskowitz, Ben Woodworth

Staff: Teresa Armstrong, DHS; Lonnie Cleland, IDPH; Joanna Schroeder, DHS

Other Attendees:

Phil Davis	On With Life
Kelly Espeland	IME
Jenny Schulte	Advocacy Strategies

Agenda

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed the group. Workgroup members introduced themselves. The public made introductions.

REVIEW OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Workgroup members reviewed the final recommendation report document from DHS dated 12/9/2011 http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/docs/DHS-MHDS_SystemRedesignReportFINAL_12-09-2011.pdf. The group discussed the potential for future meetings related to any additional information the legislative committee might need.

DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER 19, 2011 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM MEETING

Joanna Schroeder gave an overview of the December 19, 2011 Legislative Interim meeting to the workgroup. She shared that the final report was moved forward by the legislature. The following recommendations related to brain injury were moved forward:

- Neuro-Resource Facilitation (NRF). (IDPH)
- Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN). (IDPH)

- Community-Based Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation services funded through state Medicaid dollars. (DHS)
- Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Brain Injury Waiver program and services. (DHS)
- Post-Acute inpatient skilled nursing level of care and outpatient neurorehabilitation. (DHS)
- Medicaid-funded intensive neurobehavioral services at hospital, Nursing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with Mental Retardation, and Community-Based Services. (DHS)
- Brain Injury Outreach Letter. (IDPH)
- Replace current assessment tools with standardized tool to assess cognitive, psychosocial and functional abilities and needs.
- Increase availability of acute to home neurobehavioral services to reduce out of state placements and bring people back to Iowa.

RANKING PRIORITIES

The group spent time reviewing the original Brain Injury Workgroup recommendation document. It was decided to combine all of the recommendations into one list. The group then spent time making one ranking list.

http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/docs/BrainInjuryWkgrp_InterimRpt_1-12-12.pdf

NEXT STEPS

A document will be drafted with the final ranked recommendations from the workgroup. This document will include information on recommendations that have moved forward in the redesign process as well as identify recommendations that are specific to administrative issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MEETING SUMMARY

All handouts from the meeting will be posted on the DHS MHDS website.

<http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Partners/MHDSRedesign.html>

NEXT MEETINGS

TBD